

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A system for communicating data between a user and a receiver over a telecommunications network, said data relating to filing information for application(s) relating to the protection of intellectual property, said system comprising:

means for initially registering the user to communicate application data relating to intellectual property over the network to the receiver,

means for receiving data transmitted over the telecommunication network by the user, said data relating to the intellectual property application,

means verifying the completeness of the transmitted data from the user, and

means for communicating over the telecommunication network receipt of the verified data to the user.

2. (Original) The system as defined in claim 1 wherein said registering means further comprises means for receiving a user selected password from the user over the telecommunication network, and means for storing said password.

3. (Original) The system as defined in claim 1 wherein said telecommunications network comprises the World Wide Web.

4. (Original) The system as defined in claim 1 wherein said communication means comprises the means for transmitting an electronic message from the receiver to the user over the network.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Original) The invention as defined in claim 1 wherein said receiving means comprises means for receiving an attached document in conjunction with the data transmitted to the receiver.

7. (Original) The invention as defined in claim 1 wherein said receiving means comprises means for receiving an attached document in electronic form in conjunction with the data transmitted to the receiver.

8. (Currently Amended) A method for communicating data between a user and a receiver over a telecommunications network, said data relating to filing information for applications relating to the protection of intellectual property, said method comprising the steps of:

the receiver initially registering the user to communicate application data relating to intellectual property over the network to the receiver,

thereafter the receiver receiving data over the network from the user, said data relating to the intellectual property application,

the receiver verifying the completeness of the transmitted data from the user, and

the receiver confirming receipt of the verified data over the network to the user.

9. (Original) The method as defined in claim 8 wherein said registering step further comprises the steps of the user selecting a password, transmitting the password from the user to the receiver over the network, and the receiver storing the password.

10. (Original) The method as defined in claim 8 wherein said telecommunications network comprises the World Wide Web.

11. (Original) The method as defined in claim 8 wherein said confirming step comprises the step of telecommunicating an electronic message over the network.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Original) The method as defined in claim 8 wherein said transmitting step further comprises the step of transmitting an attached document.

14. (Original) A system for communicating data between a user and a receiver over a telecommunications network, said data relating to filing information for application(s) relating to the protection of intellectual property, said system comprising:

means for receiving data transmitted over the telecommunication network by the user, said data relating to the intellectual property application,

means for storing frequently used data at the receiver, said frequently used data being subsequently accessible by key word by the user, and

means for communicating over the telecommunication network receipt of the data to the user.

15. (Original) A system for communicating data between a user and a receiver over a telecommunications network, said data relating to filing information for application(s) relating to the protection of intellectual property, said system comprising:

means for receiving data transmitted over the telecommunication network by the user, said data relating to the intellectual property application and containing information relating to a variable number of data entries for a data item,

means for the receiver to transmit a data entry form over the telecommunication network to the user reflecting said number of data entries for said data item,

means verifying the completeness of the transmitted data from the user, and

means for communicating over the telecommunication network receipt of the verified data to the user.

16. (Original) The system as defined in claim 15 wherein said data item comprises applicant identification data.

17. (Original) The system as defined in claim 15 wherein said data item comprises application priority data.

18. (Original) The system as defined in claim 15 wherein said means for receiving data further comprises means for receiving an attached document in conjunction with said data.